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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Fry

A RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the Northwest Indiana Transportation Study Committee the topic of encouraging the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District not to reduce the number of commuter trains.

Whereas, The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), operator of the South Shore passenger rail service, plans to propose changes to the weekend/holiday train schedule;

Whereas, NICTD's new schedule would reduce the overall number of trains departing South Bend and terminating in Chicago and the number of trains departing Chicago and

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terminating in South Bend by three;

Whereas, The plan also proposes to reduce by one the number of trains operating between Michigan City and Chicago;

Whereas, Information presented in the September 26, 2008, minutes of the NICTD board meeting indicates that there has been a 26% increase in weekend passengers since August 2007 and that the number of weekend passengers in the period from January through August 2008 was 12.8% higher than the number of weekend passengers in the period from January through August 2005;

Whereas, The September 28, 2007, minutes state that ridership out of the South Bend Regional Airport is showing a 6.7% increase, and is at its highest level since the airport station opened in 1992; and

Whereas, The presence of passenger rail service in these times of economic distress helps to address a number of urban problems, including traffic congestion, affordable housing shortages, and air pollution: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
2 legislative council to assign to the Northwest Indiana Transportation
3 Study Commission the topic of encouraging the Northern Indiana
4 Commuter Transportation District not to reduce the number of its
5 commuter trains in service.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Northern
8 Indiana Commuter Transportation District Board.

